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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications**

**ATTENTION:**

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**SUBJECT: SEATO Conference**

**REFERENCE: Memorandum for DD/P and DD/I from D/CO  
dated 27 January 1956, same subject**

1. Headquarters planning for the SEATO Conference to be held at Karachi, Pakistan, commencing 6 March, is not yet firm, but the following may be useful as guidance in planning for communication support.

2. Personnel.

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a. [redacted] will probably attend.

b. [redacted]  
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3. Time. It is expected that the normal load will begin to expand as early as 1 March, particularly in the form of guidance cables and administrative matters (ETA's, housing, etc.) The formal meetings will last from three to five days, and cable activity will probably continue at a higher than normal rate for an additional five days, largely summary reports, departure messages, etc.

4. Volume. As discussed with you, the cable records covering the previous SEATO Conference in Bangkok in February 1955 may be of practical use in estimating the probable load for this year. It may be expected that since this will be the first meeting since that Conference and that since the Treaty Organization is now one year old, the cable volume will be heavier than last year by about 25 to 40%.

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5. Discussions with the representative of the DD/I indicate that his office also agrees that the records of last February furnish the most reliable guide for planning purposes.

6. It is hoped that the above will be of assistance to your office.

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